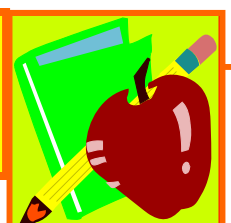




Scotlandville Elementary School



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THE BUZZ



A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

As we move into the 2008-2009 school year, we do so with the thought of a bright and promising future for our students. The staff will set excellence as our standard and will work to reach high goals that will prepare our students for the future and success in the ever-changing world.

Dedicated and talented staff members will provide a program that focuses on the total developmental of the child and the process of learning. Our teachers understand the importance of their roles in influencing the lives of their students each and every day. Through innovative efforts we are continuously working to improve the skills of our teachers and to provide them with the support they need to create a learning environment that is academically rigorous.

Collaboration, cooperation and open communication between home and school are keys to building a strong foundation for a successful school year. I invite and encourage parent involvement as we work together to build a positive educational experience for your child. As partners in the educational process, our mutual commitment to having an exceptional school will help prepare our students to be successful. Thank you for your support!

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Ms. R. Square, Principal

NEW SCHOOL HOURS

In order to make up time lost as a result of the hurricane, the school day has been extended twenty minutes for elementary students. The new school hours are 8:15 a.m. to 3:35 p.m. Students may begin entering the campus for breakfast at 7:55 a.m.

CALENDAR

Monday, September 15, 2008

Work packets sent home to parents
Progress reports sent home to parents

Friday, September 19, 2008

Fundraiser: Free Dress \$ 1.00

Friday, September 26, 2008

Fundraiser: Pizza and a Drink \$2.00

Monday, September 29, 2008

Work packets sent home to parents

WELCOME BACK!



Welcome children,
we're glad you are here
we're all going to have
a wonderful year!
We'll draw and we'll
write
we'll sing and we'll play
we'll paint and we'll
build
and learn new things

SCOTLANDVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SPIRIT SHIRTS

We are still accepting orders for spirit shirts. The polo shirts are \$18.00 and may be worn to school each day. The T-shirts are \$10.00 and may be worn to school on Friday.



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PRE-KINDERGARTEN NEWS

Reading: The Pre-K students are working on Phonological and Phonemic Awareness. They are identifying sounds in their environment such as animal sounds, cars, bells etc. They are also identifying the author, the illustrator and characters in a story and retelling the events in a story.

Math: The students are working with graphs and basic shapes.

Social Studies: They are learning about being a special person and about their families. They are also learning about their school and school works

KINDERGARTEN NEWS

Our school year is off to a busy start. Your child is learning how to be a good school citizen. You can help by reminding your child the importance of following rules and procedures. In Reading/ ELA, the students are being introduced to the letters of the alphabet, rhyming words, word segmentation, print concepts and they are learning to read and write the words *I* and *can* in our Start Smart unit. Our Big Book of Communities will be our unit of study in Social Studies. Students will be discussing communities as they learn about different community helpers.

In Math, we are working daily with Calendar Math activities. We encourage you to take the calendar out and have your child share some things with you. We are starting Unit 1 in Math. This unit builds the development of vocabulary for naming shapes and colors and for using terms to describe position.

FIRST GRADE

The first grade classes are currently working on building fluency and comprehension skills in reading. We are using a variety of methods to help our students become successful readers. Such skills include segmenting phonemes, blending sounds, forming words, and making simple sentences. Mastering these skills will help your child read with fluency and comprehend what they've read. We are also working on patterns and early addition and subtraction skills in math. The lessons in this unit will help students build the skills necessary to compute basic addition and subtraction facts. We want our first graders to be the best in the parish! This being said, we appreciate your cooperation in our efforts to educate your children.

SECOND GRADE

The 2nd Grade students and teachers are off to a great start for the 2008-2009 school year. In Language Arts we learned about different kinds of sentences such as asking, telling, command, and exclamatory. In Math we learned about addition, telling time, diagrams, and before, after, and in between with numbers. In Social Studies we learned about communities, laws, and rules. We discussed how having laws and rules make our communities better. Our upcoming topics include measurement in Math and Science, and using Four Square writing to learn more about writing sentences and paragraphs. In closing, Under the Big Top: All Students Will Achieve.

THIRD GRADE

Third grade is off to a wonderful start. In math, we are expanding our knowledge in place value, addition, and subtraction. Upcoming in Social Studies we will be learning how to read, interpret, and describe characteristics of topographical maps. We are now utilizing the four square writing method to organize our thoughts and turn them into wonderful pieces of literature.

FOURTH GRADE

Last week, we learned about Mysteries! This week our reading theme is National Parks! LEAP tutoring will start soon so if you are interested in registering your child in this, please make sure you send in the application. If you need another one, please contact the front office or your child's teacher. Also, Leadership Board applications were due last week so if you and your child filled one out, please keep an eye out for some information about a parent meeting this week. We are looking forward to a great school year with lots of learning and fun

FIFTH GRADE

Our 5th grade team, Ms. Covino, Ms. Dupas and Mr. Surface, welcome parents and students to a year that will be filled with learning, excitement and adventure.

Reading: In reading we are discussing different types of challenges. The kinds of challenges we enjoy and the kinds that are the hardest to meet. We hope students realize it takes imagination to overcome challenges. ELA: 5th graders are dissecting the sentences in ELA. They are identifying the verbs, nouns, subjects, predicates, complex sentences and run-on sentences. We are also using sensory, expository and descriptive writing techniques to create out-of-this-world essays.

Math: Math has been a lot of fun so far. Our students have been working on their number sense, since day one. We have skipped counted and made factor rectangles with colored tiles all to strengthen our multiplication skills. We have learned how to represent information using a variety of graphs, including line graphs, bar graphs, double bar graphs and pie graphs. Everyday we work on different math skills in morning calendar math. The students really seem to enjoy this daily overload of math knowledge.

Social Studies: The 5th graders traveled back into time to discover the origins of the ancient empires, such as the Aztec, Inca and Mayan civilizations. Students were introduced to the different artifacts used to gather food, farm and communicate. Students explored a variety of maps to better understand directions and location. 5th grade embarked upon the system of trade based on the bartering system and trade based on money and currency. Our travel now leads us to focus on initial connections between the early peoples of the Americas, the Europeans

THE LIBRARY

Please welcome Mrs. Douglas our new Librarian This year's mission of the library program is to develop integrated literature and the cultural arts, to learn creative thinking skills, to become critical seekers of information, and to use instructional and educational technology effectively, so your child may become independent lifelong learners and decision makers.



STARS OF THE MONTH

PRE-K

Jayla Jackson
Gregory Young

KINDERGARTEN

Patrick Powell
DeJean Armwood
Johnisha Lacey
London Williams

FIRST GRADE

Paris Green
Brywanna Gross
Daquan Wells

SECOND GRADE

Bri' Ajone Ellerson
Jayla Weber
Kendra Green

THIRD GRADE

Jaazarius Randall
Nakia Green
Alisha Warren
Nakia Shears

FOURTH GRADE

Jharille Brown
Latrice Warr
Stavey Gallerson
Michaela Sorapur
Cornelius Plummer

FIFTH GRADE

Jona Wilson
Victoria West
Wilenicia Shears